## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner:

C. Nguyen

For:

SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED

CIRCUIT DEVICE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE TITLE

Change the title to SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

DEVICE WITH CONNECTIONS FORMED USING A CONDUCTOR EMBEDDED IN A

CONTACT HOLE.